

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items within the Rainbow House Collection, Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos County, NM

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3005(a)(2), of the intent to repatriate cultural items from Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos County, NM, which meet the definition of "sacred object" as defined in section 2 of the Act.

The detailed inventory and assessment of these objects has been made by National Park Service professional staff, in consultation with representatives of the Pueblo of Santa Clara; Pueblo of San Ildefonso; Pueblo of Cochiti; Pueblo of Zia; Pueblo of San Felipe; Pueblo of Isleta; Pueblo of Tesuque; Pueblo of Jemez; Pueblo of Laguna; Pueblo of Acoma; Pueblo of Santa Ana; Pueblo of Sandia; Pueblo of Santo Domingo; Pueblo of Zuni; Ysleta del Sur Pueblo; and Tewa representatives of the Hopi Tribe.

Between 1948 and 1955, Fredrick Worman of Adams State College, CO and Louis Caywood of the National Park Service, carried out legally authorized archeological excavations on Federal public lands, including the Rainbow House archeological site [LA 217] within Bandelier National Monument. At Rainbow House one hundred rooms were excavated, as well as a kiva and an associated plaza. The occupation date assigned to Rainbow House was between AD 1412-1453.

The thirty-two objects include: eight pipes, three figurines, one bowl, four pendants, two cylinders, one shell tinkler, one axe, one groundstone, two kiva bells, one hoe, one stone artifact, two stone balls, three bone whistles, one bone rasp, one flute. All of these items were recovered from the kiva and plaza area. Pueblo traditional religious leaders and other official tribal representatives have stated that these specific objects are, and were at the time they were separated from the Pueblo, needed for the practice of traditional Pueblo religion by present-day adherents.

Based on provenience data from the original field notes prepared during excavation, the anthropological literature pertinent to Rainbow House and other Ancestral Puebloan sites in the surrounding area, and in consultation with Pueblo representatives and traditional religious leaders, officials of the National Park Service have determined that these thirty-two objects are specific ceremonial objects which are needed by Pueblo religious leaders for the practice of traditional Pueblo religion by their present-day adherents.

Artifactual evidence does not allow specific identification of a single culturally affiliated Indian tribe. However, examination of the objects specified above and oral history regarding traditional and religious practices indicate probable cultural affiliation between the objects and various Pueblo Indian groups. Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the National Park Service have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these sacred objects and the Pueblo of Santa Clara; Pueblo of San Ildefonso; Pueblo of

Cochiti; Pueblo of Zia; Pueblo of San Felipe; Pueblo of Isleta; Pueblo of Tesuque; Pueblo of Jemez; Pueblo of Laguna; Pueblo of Zuni and Tewa of the Hopi Tribe. Other Pueblo peoples may also be culturally affiliated with these cultural items. The Pueblo of Taos; Pueblo of Picuris; Pueblo of San Juan; Pueblo of Nambe; and Pueblo of Pojoaque have declined to participate in consultation efforts to date.

This notice has been sent to consultation representatives of the following Indian tribes: Pueblo of Santa Clara; Pueblo of San Ildefonso; Pueblo of Cochiti; Pueblo of Zia; Pueblo of San Felipe; Pueblo of Isleta; Pueblo of Tesuque; Pueblo of Jemez; Pueblo of Laguna; Pueblo of Acoma, Pueblo of Santa Ana; Pueblo of Sandia; Pueblo of Santo Domingo; Pueblo of Zuni; Ysleta del Sur Pueblo; and the Hopi Tribe.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe which believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these objects should contact Superintendent Roy W. Weaver, Bandelier National Monument, HCR 1 Box 1 Suite 15, Los Alamos, NM, 87544, telephone: (505) 672-3861 fax (505) 672-9607, before November 27, 1995. Repatriation of these objects may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

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